# **Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission**

Minutes of Public Session February 18, 2021

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### I. Call to Order

The February 18, 2021 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission was called to order by Chair Blessman at approximately 9:17 a.m. via a Cisco Webex video conference at the Division of Gaming Office at 1707 Cole Blvd., Suite 350, Lakewood, Colorado, 80401. Commissioners Nathan, Carlson, Coleman, and Davis were present via Cisco Webex and a quorum existed.

### Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Kristen Blessman, Chair, via Cisco Webex

Richard Nathan, Vice-Chair via Cisco Webex

Shawn Coleman, Commissioner via Cisco Webex

Justin Davis, Commissioner via Cisco Webex

Tim Carlson, Commissioner via Cisco Webex

Dan Hartman, Director via Cisco Webex

Ceri Williams, Senior Assistant Attorney General via Cisco WebexTorrey Samson, Assistant

Attorney General via Cisco Webex

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General via Cisco Webex

Robert Dodd, First Assistant Attorney General via Cisco Webex

Suzanne Karrer, Communications Manager via Cisco Webex

Vickie Floyd, Controller via Cisco Webex

Eric Shannon, Deputy Controller via Cisco Webex

John Madruga, Agent in Charge, Background Unit via Cisco Webex

Brett Buckingham, Supervisory Investigator via Cisco Webex

Bradley Nelson, Table Games Chair via Cisco Webex

Breanne Nolan, Assistant to the Director, Secretary to the Commission

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission voted unanimously to go into Executive Session pursuant to sections 24-6-402(3)(a) (III), 44-30-521(1)(a), 44-30-526(1)(d), and 44-30-1507 of the Colorado Revised Statutes to review confidential background licensing reports from the Division of Gaming that were scheduled for consideration in the Public Session

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# **II. Approval of Licensing Actions**

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Manufacturer/Distributor License for PDS Gaming-Colorado, LLC. The Manufacturer/Distributor license will expire two years from its date of issuance.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Minor Licenses for Airship Group, Inc. d/b/a Airship, US Bettor LLC, CBS Interactive Inc., Ocean Media LLC, Tarlogic Security SL INC., Heap Inc. d/b/a Heap Analytics, GameOn Entertainment Technologies Inc., GWEB MEDIA, Global Ad Ventures Limited Inc., Engaged Nation Holdings, LLC, KaFe Rocks USA Ltd, Akeyless Security Ltd., Monterizo Ltd, and LIR Industries, LLC. These Vendor Minor Licenses will expire 2 years from the dates of issuance.

# III. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public to address the Commission. No members of the public came forward to address the Commission.

### IV. Consideration of Division Limited Gaming Financial Statement for December 2020

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the six months ending on December 31, 2020 and to authorize its distribution.

# V. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for December 2020

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the six months ending on December 31, 2020 and to authorize its distribution.

# VI. Consideration of Disciplinary Actions

Senior Assistant Attorney General, Ceri Williams, presented the Orders of Summary Suspension to the Commission.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Orders of Summary Suspension in Case No. DOG 200002882 in the matter of Jeremy Josef Swinehart – Support License No. 39011 and Case No. DOG 21000208 in the matter of Robert Dean Gieswein – Support License No. 48544, and to set the matters for hearing.

# VII. Rulemaking Hearing Limited Gaming Rules 8, 10, 12, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 & 28

The Commission voted unanimously to open the rulemaking hearing for Limited Gaming Rules 8, 10, 12, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 & 28.

Brad Nelson, Table Games Chair, was sworn in by Chair Blessman and gave a presentation on Limited Gaming Rules 8, 10, 12, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 & 28. Discussion was had by the Commission and Mr. Nelson.

Peggi O'Keefe, representative from the Colorado Gaming Association, commented that the Colorado Gaming Association and casinos were incredibly involved in the rulemaking process. She assured the Commission that all industry members were given the option to make comments on the rules as well as participate in the stakeholder workshop held on February 8, 2021. She stated that the gaming industry greatly appreciated the efforts put forth by the Division to get new games and rules implemented in a short amount of time.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the rulemaking hearing for Limited Gaming Rules 8, 10, 12, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 & 28.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Limited Gaming Rules 8, 10, 12, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 & 28, as presented.

# VIII. Consideration of Sports Betting Renewal License Fees for FY21

Director Hartman gave a presentation regarding Sports Betting Renewal License Fees for the remainder of Fiscal Year 21. Discussion was had by Director Hartman and the Commission.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Sports Betting Renewal License Fees for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021.

### IX. Consideration of Organizational Matters

### 1. Adoption of Public Session Minutes for January 21, 2021

The Commission approved the minutes from the January 21, 2021 public session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

### 2. Directors' Update

Cory Amend, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group, stated that the Specialized Business Group had implemented a new website format. He said that the website had been updated and modernized to enhance user experience. He also explained that there was a feedback form on the main page for users to fill out in order to help gather more improvements.

Dan Hartman, Director, Division of Gaming, stated that table games had returned to all three Colorado gaming cities, with restrictions. He explained that these restrictions were outlined in a health and safety document which was created through the efforts of the counties, CDPHE, Division of Gaming, and Executive Director of the Department of Revenue. Director Hartman expressed his appreciation of hard work by Division staff and industry members during the rulemaking and stakeholder process. He stated that the Division was looking forward to the new games and limits which would be instituted on May 1, 2021. In closing, he outlined the tremendous work done by Ceri Williams, Senior Assistant Attorney General, for the Division of Gaming, in recognition of her retirement.

Ceri Williams expressed her appreciation for Division staff and the Commission and thanked everyone for their work during her time representing the Division of Gaming and the Commission.

Chair Blessman acknowledged Senior Assistant Attorney General Williams as a true leader and brilliant asset to the Division of Gaming. Commissioner Nathan stated that it was his privilege to work with Senior Assistant Attorney General Williams and recognized her outstanding professionalism.

# Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 10:51 a.m.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission